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I have been investigating white collar crimes for several years with ID Fraud being on the incline. Those of us in law enforcement have lot of red tape to go through when trying to obtain information from businesses concerning the fraud on a victim. Majority of the businesses require a Subpoena even though the Fair Credit Reporting Act passed in June 2004 allows the victim to give authorization for the business to release that information. Perhaps businesses of all kinds can receive some education to this Act and perhaps a law can be passed where a suspect that has stolen someone's identity has no expectation of privacy concerning the fraud that occurred.

I can not see how or why a suspect would have any privacy when they stole another person's identity. Therefore, a business should not feel they would be sued by the suspect for releasing that information. Also, punishment should be as severe when it comes to ID Fraud same as any violent crime. Any person that has been a victim can tell you how long it takes to clear up the mess a suspect has caused and sometimes the suspect goes unidentified.

Leads in a case are critical and information needs to be obtained right away. It takes time to get Court Orders prepared and signed. By the time they get faxed or mailed; information may or may not still be available at businesses, such as video tapes at retail stores.

It would be great if all ID's and banks were able to show a photo of the true person. Perhaps that would eliminate some fraud.

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